

COMMUNITY

Meetings

• UNION — The Union School Board will meet Wednesday, Feb. 10, at 6 p.m. in the S.E. Miller gym. A presentation on the school district’s bond funded projects will be given at the meeting.

Briefs

Virtual class presents ‘The Nez Perce Story’

JOSEPH — The Josephy Center is hosting “The Nez Perce Story: An Introduction,” a virtual class led by Rich Wandschneider Feb. 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Zoom.

The class will cover traditional Plateau Indian culture and the impacts of white arrivals; the treaties of 1855 and 1863 and President Ulysses S. Grant’s proposed division of the Wallowa Country in 1873; the war of 1877 and its aftermath; and where and how the Nez Perce people live today.

Class size is limited; check availability and register at www.josephy.org/event/the-nez-perce-story-an-introduction. The cost is \$25. Email rich.wandschneider@gmail.com for more details.

Sweetheart event offers rummaging, hot meals

JOSEPH — The 10th annual SweetheartYard Sale will take place Friday and Saturday, Feb. 12-13, at the Hurricane Creek Grange.

The event will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the grange near Joseph and will include breakfast and lunch. The sale will have Texaco collectibles, model kits, dog supplies, silversmithing jewelry, household items and other odds and ends. Everyone who attends is reminded to wear face masks and maintain social distancing.

Honors

Cove student awarded honor of academic excellence

OGDEN, Utah — Weber State University awarded Sophia Pettit of Cove with the honor of academic excellence for the fall 2020 semester. Pettit earned the distinction by maintaining a GPA of at least 3.5.

The achievement of earning academic excellence is difficult under normal circumstances, but was made especially challenging with the added pressure of handling the mental and emotional impact of a global pandemic, political unrest and an unusual learning environment.

WSU Provost Ravi Krovi in a press release stated, “Maintaining a high and consistent level of academic excellence is a process, which involves developing traits of discipline, persistence and personal leadership. To be able to sustain that effort during these difficult times also demonstrates grit and tenacity. We are proud of these students, their efforts and their overall academic accomplishments.”

— The Observer

Lottery

Megabucks: \$1.5 million
3-4-11-18-37-41
Powerball: \$30 million
1-16-48-49-65 — PB 8 x2
Mega Millions: \$54 million
14-17-28-29-44 — MB 4 x2
Win for Life: Feb. 6
48-62-65-67
Pick 4: Feb. 7
• 1 p.m.: 5-2-6-3
• 4 p.m.: 0-8-2-7
• 7 p.m.: 6-2-0-1
• 10 p.m.: 3-5-4-8
Pick 4: Feb. 6
• 1 p.m.: 4-1-9-5
• 4 p.m.: 9-3-7-0
• 7 p.m.: 4-7-2-6
• 10 p.m.: 7-2-7-1
Pick 4: Feb. 5
• 1 p.m.: 3-8-1-5
• 4 p.m.: 4-8-6-2
• 7 p.m.: 1-5-7-4
• 10 p.m.: 0-0-9-3

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OBITUARIES

James H. Jones

La Grande

James H. Jones, 70, of La Grande, died Jan. 28 at his residence. A Rosary will be held Feb. 12 at 1:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 2 p.m. The first 70 people will be allowed in the church. Attendees must wear a mask and practice social distancing to meet COVID-19 guidelines. The service will be livestreamed for those who cannot attend (go to www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com and click on the “Funeral Video” button near the bottom of the home page just before 1:30 p.m. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Rolland B. Hilde

La Grande

Rolland B. Hilde, 67, of La Grande, died Feb. 8 at a local care facility.

Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Charlotte N. Shepherd

La Grande

Charlotte N. Shepherd, 77, of La Grande, died Feb. 7. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

James W. Wiseman

La Grande

James William Wiseman, 85, of La Grande, died Feb. 7 at his home. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Marina Ilona

La Grande

Marina Ilona, 76, of La Grande, died Feb. 7 at her residence. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

FRIDAY, FEB. 5

10:13 a.m. — A caller reported possible restraining order violations on the 3200 block of Columbia Street, La Grande. An officer logged information.

2:02 p.m. — A La Grande resident asked to speak to an officer regarding COVID-19 restrictions. An officer made contact and explained options.

2:18 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1500 block of Sixth Street on a report of domestic violence. Police arrested Richard David Briney, 54, of La Grande, for domestic violence assault and two counts of strangulation.

6:55 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of

of Adams Avenue. An officer tried to make contact but had to leave a message.

8:27 p.m. — La Grande police responded to 11th Street and J Avenue on a report of a disturbance. Officers found no disturbance.

10:05 p.m. — A caller reported a car prowler at Second Street and Crook Avenue, La Grande. Police checked but found no prowler.

SATURDAY, FEB. 6

9:35 a.m. — La Grande police responded to a disturbance at a residence on the 1900 block of H Avenue. Police arrested a 33-year-old woman for disorderly conduct.

12:43 p.m. — A caller reported a juvenile causing

Grande. Officers responded.

1:55 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1600 block of Adams Avenue on a report of a disturbance at a residence. Police counseled the parties involved.

2:31 p.m. — A caller reported a burglary at a residence on the 49600 block of Ellis Road, North Powder. A Union County deputy took a report.

6:18 p.m. — La Grande police responded to a domestic disturbance at a residence on the 1900 block of H Avenue. Police arrested Shiloh Kane Dickenson, 36, for strangulation and domestic violence assault and a Umatilla County warrant for a drug crime.

9:52 p.m. — La Grande police responded to another

of a domestic disturbance. Police found the people involved were fine.

SUNDAY, FEB. 7

7:40 a.m. — A Summerville resident on the 500 block of Patton Street reported the theft of a dirt bike.

2:23 p.m. — A Union County sheriff’s deputy saw cattle on the loose in the area of Hunter Road and Hacker Lane, Summerville. The sheriff’s office notified the cattle owner.

4:03 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff’s Office received a report from Walmart, 11619 Island Ave., Island City, of someone passing a counterfeit bill. A deputy responded and cited Colvin William Cutshall, 32, for giving false

Feb. 12 — JAMES JONES: 1:30 p.m. rosary and 2 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial, Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, La Grande; view the livestream at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com (click on “Funeral Videos” near bottom of home page).

Feb. 20 — HARRY BIGLER: 2 p.m. military honors ceremony, Union City Park.

Feb. 20 — LORI GREENWAY: 3 p.m. memorial service, Enterprise First Baptist Church.

— *calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande*

James Herbert Jones (Souza)

July 6, 1950 - January 28, 2021

James Herbert Jones (Souza), 70, of La Grande, passed away on Thursday, January 28, 2021, at his residence. A Rosary will be held at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church on Friday, February 12, 2021 at 1:30 pm. The Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 2:00 pm. The first 70 people will be allowed in the church. Attendees must wear a mask and practice social distancing to meet COVID-19 guidelines. The service will be live streamed for those who cannot attend. Go to lovelandfuneralchapel.com and click on the “Funeral Video” button near the bottom of the home page just before 1:30pm.

Jim was born on July 6, 1950, in Monett, Missouri, to James Lewis Jones and Ruth A. Long. Jim grew up in Missouri, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, North Carolina and Southern Illinois. He graduated from high school in Marion, Illinois, where he received a Bausch and Lomb award in mathematics and was offered a full scholarship to Southern Illinois University. Jim opted to study at University of Illinois in Champaign, where he earned his B.S. with high honors in math and computer science.

He met his wife Linda in Johnston City, Illinois, in 1969 and they married in 1972. The couple moved to Eugene, Oregon, where Jim taught mathematics as a graduate student at the University of Oregon. He and Linda then moved back to Illinois, where he was employed at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale for five years.

In 1976, Jim and Linda finally settled in La Grande, Oregon, where he took a position at Grande Ronde Hospital as a nuclear medicine technologist. During his 45-year career there, Jim became a beloved fixture at GRH, never once changing his office. He was especially known for his kindness, intelligence and selflessness.

Jim’s activities and interests were indeed extensive. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, La Grande Rifle and Pistol Club and Grande Ronde Fitness Center. He was also a talented violinist and guitarist, an avid reader with an encyclopedic brain, an outdoor enthusiast and local expert and a daily fitness buff who studied languages while cranking out miles on the elliptical. Jim collected stamps, coins, rocks and loved to take pictures. He loved aviation and dreamed of being a fighter pilot. Although his vision was never quite good enough for that, Jim logged thousands of virtual miles doing flight simulations at home in his computer chair. He was also quite the beer connoisseur, saving labels from interesting bottles of ale that he’d enjoyed. Above all, Jim was a family man, taking a special interest in whatever was important to his wife and children. For this, he will be forever remembered.

Jim is survived by Linda Ann Jones, his wife of 48 years; children Benjamin Randolph Jones, Daniel Lewis Jones and David Douglas Jones; siblings Maggie Daniel and Johnathan Jones; half siblings Theresa Massey, Angela Lehmberg, John Souza, Elizabeth Campbell, Regina Souza and Russell Souza; and stepfather, Dr. Renato Souza. Another sibling, Christine Bassett, is deceased, as are both of Jim’s parents.

Flowers may be sent to the church and donations in Jim’s honor should be directed to Oregon Public Broadcasting, 7140 S. Macadam Avenue, Portland, OR 97219.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com.



Jerry Winkle

December 16, 1941 - January 29, 2021

Jerry Winkle, 79, of La Grande, died Friday, January 29, 2021 surrounded by his family. A traditional funeral service was held on February 6, 2021 at the Summerville Baptist Church. Internment was held at Grandview Cemetery in La Grande.

Jerry was born on December 16, 1941 to parents Houston Arthur and Mattie Jurhee (Clowdus) Winkle in Ardmore, OK. They moved to Odessa, TX where his father worked in the oil fields as a welder. He went all through school there and was in the first graduating class at Parmain High School, the same school featured in the football movie “Friday Night Lights.” He was a good student and according to his sister was first in everything he did. Jerry was a band captain, student council president, first chair trumpet and who knows what else. At age 9, Polio withered the muscles in his right leg and ended any hopes of a career in baseball, but his father filled the void by introducing him to two new life altering crafts; leather tools and a ham radio. He mastered both of those and completed a barber course while in high school. Jerry earned a full music scholarship to college, but when his father became ill he quit and went home to help take care of the family. Jerry applied for a job in the engineering department at a local TV station with the stipulation that he repair certain equipment as a test and started a career as an electronics engineer. He eventually was chief engineer of KOSA TV in Lubbock, TX.

Jerry was divorced with a son when he first came to La Grande, OR. He was on a hunting trip when he met Faye Wright Zurbrick, a widow with two young sons of her own. They were married on May 21, 1973 after a 7 month telephone courtship. He traded his sports car for a Chevy station wagon and moved them all to Texas. His heart belonged to Oregon however, and when the TV station sold he took his severance pay and returned to La Grande. He started his own business, “Advanced Electronics,” a TV sales and service shop and later added Radio Shack. After 23 years he sold the store and took a job with ODOT as a radio technician where he did everything from installing two way radios to maintaining microwave sites on various mountain tops throughout Eastern Oregon until he retired in 2006. He loved to tell about the harrowing adventures in the snow cat and being plucked off the top of a mountain by helicopter in a snow storm after a mishap.

Jerry was a key member of bringing KMBI, a Christian radio station in Spokane, WA, to La Grande by microwave to a site

on Mt. Fanny and maintained the broadcast equipment for over 30 years. He also worked for the Union County airport on the non-directional beacon. After going through some intense training in Texas recently, he was instrumental in updating equipment bringing it up to standard. He was constantly repairing electronics or leather articles and installing antennas for people and loved the challenge

In 1978 Jerry and Faye had a daughter who eventually got into horses and “spurred” his interest in making saddles, along with countless other pieces of tack and leather masterpieces that he made for family and friends. He loved being outdoors hunting and fishing. Jerry was an “elkaholic” and lived for hunting season. He hunted 24/7 and took his buddy with him twice a year. Another hobby he enjoyed was shooting at black powder rendezvous dressed up in his handmade buckskins along with the other mountain men and gals.

Jerry’s greatest love however, was to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ. He served Him faithfully most of his adult life while he was a member of First Baptist Church in La Grande and currently Summerville Baptist Church in Summerville, OR and was a witness right up to the end of his battle with lung cancer on January 29, 2021. He had a tender heart, a gentle spirit and a desire to please and assist anyone, anytime.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 48 years Faye Winkle of La Grande; daughter Amanda (Ross) Arnold of La Grande; sons Shawn (Joy) Zurbrick of Dallas, TX, Brett Houston Winkle of Los Angeles, CA, Steve and Andie Zurbrick of Pasco, WA; sisters Beverly Winkle of La Grande, OR and Leeta Vest of Blanchard, OK; six grandchildren and two great-grandsons; 3 nephews and 1 niece.

For those who would like to make a donation in memory of Jerry, the family suggests the Summerville Church Missions Fund through Tami’s Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services, PO Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com



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